

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 9, and amend claims 1, 7, 10, 17 and 18 as set forth below. A marked-up copy of the Amended claims, showing in detail the changes made, is annexed as Exhibit 2.

1. (AMENDED) A walker and a tray in combination, comprising:

a first pair of spaced-apart legs connected to one another by a first upper connecting bar extending between respective points adjacent an upper end of each of the first pair of legs;

a second pair of spaced-apart legs connected to one another by a second upper connecting bar extending between respective points adjacent an upper end of each of the second pair of legs;

at least one strut connecting the first pair of legs to the second pair of legs;

a connector configured to selectively retain the tray in one of

a primary position, such that first and second connecting bars support the tray; and,

a secondary position, such that the tray is in a plane generally parallel to the first pair of legs; wherein,

the tray cantileverly extends outwardly from the walker and forms a ledge extending from the walker when the tray is in the primary position.

2. (RETYPE) The walker and tray combination as in claim 1, the connector being positioned on a lower surface of the tray and configured

to grip the first upper connecting bar when the tray is in one of the primary position or the secondary position.

3. (RETYPE D WITHOUT CHANGE) The walker and tray combination as in claim 2, further comprising:

a first lower connecting bar extending between the first pair of legs; and,

a second connector on the lower surface of the tray and positioned to grip the first lower connecting bar when the tray is in the secondary position.

4. (RETYPE D WITHOUT CHANGE) The walker and tray combination as in claim 2, further comprising:

a second connector on the lower surface of the tray and positioned to grip the second upper connecting bar when the tray is in the primary position.

5. (RETYPE D WITHOUT CHANGE) The walker and tray combination as in claim 1, wherein the connector comprises at least one biasable claw configured to releasably grip the walker.

6. (RETYPE D WITHOUT CHANGE) The walker and tray combination as in claim 1, wherein the tray is polymethyl methacrylate.

7. (RETYPE D WITHOUT CHANGE) The walker and tray combination as in claim 1, further comprising

a first handlebar extending upwardly from an upper end of at least one of the first pair of spaced-apart legs; and,

a second handlebar extending upwardly from an upper end of at least one of the second pair of spaced apart legs.

8. (RETYPE) (RETYPE) The walker and tray combination as in claim 7, wherein the first and second handlebars cooperate to limit movement of the tray in a direction generally parallel to the first and second upper connecting bars when the tray is in the primary position.

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10 (AMENDED). A method of providing a removable tray to a walker, method comprising the steps of:

- providing a first pair of spaced-apart legs;
- connecting the first pair of spaced apart legs to one another by a first upper connecting bar extending between respective points adjacent an upper end of each of the first pair of legs;
- providing a second pair of spaced-apart legs;
- connecting the second pair of legs to one another by a second upper connecting bar extending between respective points adjacent an upper end of each of the second pair of legs;
- connecting the first pair of legs to the second pair of legs by at least one strut;
- configuring a tray to be selectively connectable to the walker in one of
 - a primary position, wherein the first and second upper connecting bars support the tray; or,
 - a secondary position, wherein the tray is secured to the walker in a generally parallel relation with each of the first pair of legs; and,

configuring the tray to extend cantileverly past a plane containing each of the second pair of legs when the tray is in the secondary position, thereby forming a ledge extending outwardly from the walker.

11. (RETYPE) WITHOUT CHANGE) The method as in claim 10, further comprising the step of

providing a lower connecting bar connecting the first pair of legs;

and

positioning a first connector on a lower surface of the tray;

configuring the first connector to grip the first upper connecting bar when the tray is in any one of the primary position or the secondary position; and,

positioning a second connector on a lower surface of the tray; and

configuring the second connector to grip first lower connecting bar when the tray is in the secondary position.

12. (RETYPE) WITHOUT CHANGE) The method as in claim 10, further including the steps of

securing a first connector to a lower surface of the tray in a location adjacent to a lateral edge of the tray; and,

configuring the first connector to grip the first connecting bar;

securing a second connector to a lower surface of the tray;

positioning the second connector to grip the second connecting bar when the tray is in the primary position.

13. (RETYPE) The method as in claim 10, further comprising the step of

selecting biasable claws to serve as connectors that are configured to grip respective portions of the walker.

14. (RETYPE) The method as in Claim 10, further comprising the steps of

positioning a first handlebar to extend upwardly from an upper end of at least one of the first pair of spaced-apart legs;

positioning a second handlebar to extend upwardly from an upper end of at least one of the second pair of spaced apart legs; and,

cooperatively configuring the respective handlebars and the tray so the handlebars limit movement in a direction parallel to the first and second upper connecting bars when the tray is in the primary position.

15. (RETYPE) The method as in claim 10, further comprising the step of removing the tray from the walker.

16. (RETYPE) The method as in claim 10, further comprising the step of making the tray out of polymethyl methacrylate.

17. (AMENDED) The method as in claim 11, further comprising the steps of:

applying downward pressure on the ledge, thereby forcing the first connector to disconnect from the first upper connecting bar; and,

removing the tray from the walker.

18. (AMENDED) A walker and tray combination, comprising:

- a first pair of spaced-apart legs connected to one another by
 - a first upper connecting bar extending between respective points adjacent an upper end of each of the first pair of legs, and
 - a first lower connecting bar extending between respective points intermediate opposing ends of each leg of the first pair of legs; and,
- a second pair of spaced-apart legs connected to one another by a second upper connecting bar extending between respective points adjacent an upper end of each of the second pair of legs;
- at least one strut connecting the first pair of legs to the second pair of legs;
- a first connector on a lower surface of the tray and configured to
 - grip the first upper connecting bar when the tray is in a primary position such that the first and second connecting bars support the tray,
 - and
 - grip the first upper connecting bar when the tray is in a secondary position such that the connectors retain the tray in a plane generally parallel to each of the first pair of legs; and,
- a second connector on a lower surface of the tray and configured to grip the first lower connecting bar when the tray is in the secondary position;
- a first handlebar extending upwardly from an upper end of at least one of the first pair of spaced-apart legs; and,
- a second handlebar extending upwardly from an upper end of at least one of the second pair of spaced apart legs; wherein,

the tray is positioned on the first and second connecting bars and beneath the first and second handlebars and cantileverly extends to form a ledge extending outwardly from the walker when in the primary position; and wherein,

the first and second handlebars cooperate to limit movement of the tray in a direction generally parallel to the first and second upper connecting bars.

19. (RETYPE) The walker and tray combination as in claim 18, further comprising

a third connector positioned on a lower surface of the tray and configured to grip the second upper connecting bar when the tray is in the primary position.

20. (RETYPE) The walker and tray combination as in claim 18, wherein,

the first lower connecting bar and the second upper connecting bar are equidistant from the first upper connecting bar; and wherein,

the second connector is configured to grip the second upper connecting bar when the tray is in the primary position.